



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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Superintendent of
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Memorandum

Date: October 31, 2003
To: Directors of Special Education
Charter School Administrators
From: Peggy Staples
ESS Data Management Specialist
RE: **2002-2003 Performance Indicator Data**

The Annual Special Education Data Collection is required to be submitted by all PEAs who served students with disabilities during the school year. This data for the 2002-2003 school year was due on July 31, 2003. Thank you to all who participated in this data submission.

As part of ADE's continuing efforts to reduce the data collection burden on behalf of districts and charter schools, ESS opted to extract some performance indicator data from the Student Accountability Information System (SAIS). However, due to many unresolved issues regarding SAIS data submissions during the reporting period prior to July 31st, at least four performance indicators reported by ADE appeared to be non-validated and inaccurate. During the data collection workshops held last spring, we indicated that this data would be finalized by the application due date. Unfortunately, this did not turn out to be the case.

PEAs were given the opportunity to submit any changes to SAIS data, including SPED data by August 15, 2003. All SPED related SAIS issues have been resolved and we have generated the data necessary to populate the performance indicator reports for each PEA.

You may access your final, updated performance indicator report by accessing the following web link: www.ade.az.gov/ess/datamanagement and clicking on "2002-2003 Performance Indicators" under the What's New section. Each indicator will also be posted to provide PEA rank order. All PEAs are welcome to view and compare themselves to other PEAs. You will have the opportunity to correct your data if necessary. The instructions to correct your data will be posted on the web page where you can access your reports. Data corrections will be accepted through Friday, November 28th.

Direct any questions regarding performance indicator data to your ESS specialist or you may contact either Peggy Staples at 602-364-4024 or via email: pstaple@ade.az.gov or Nicole Armstrong at 602-364-0504 or via email: narmstr@ade.az.gov.

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